

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

A supplemental examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this supplemental examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Don Pelto on 2/12/2008.

The application has been amended as follows (uses numbering prior to renumbering of claims 246, 247, 249, 250 to claims 1-4 in notice of allowance (4/16/2008)):

Claim 247, line 1: delete "claim 245" and insert in place thereof the following:

-- claim 246 --.

Claim 250, line 1: delete "claim 248" and insert in place thereof the following:

-- claim 249 --.

Conclusion

A facsimile center has been established in Technology Center 1600. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:45 AM to 4:45 PM. The telecopier number for accessing the facsimile machine is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frank Choi whose telephone number is (571)272-0610. Examiner maintains a compressed schedule and may be reached Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:00 am – 4:30 pm (EST).

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Johann R. Richter, can be reached at (571)272-0646. Additionally, Technology Center 1600's Receptionist and Customer Service can be reached at (571) 272-1600.

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